Procurement of Tetracycline HCL by Hoechst

964. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 624 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the quantity of Tetracycline Hcl, Hoechst procured from market or imported themselves during the last three years year-wise along wih he price per kg:

(b) what is the permitted capacity of formulations based on Tetracycline of Hoechst and what was the production during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) name of brand under which Hoechst is marketing the formulations along with the strength and pack of each and what was the annual sales turn over of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) what was the price fixed by Government for each pack and strength of each formulation based on this drug; and

(e) what is the amount worked out on this drug under Equalisation Fund Account and how much has been recovered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS & PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Details are given below:—

Year	Quantity imported/ procured (Kgs.)	Price of procurement (Rs./Kg.)
1982-83 . .	30182.4	Varies between Rs. 729.68 to Rs. 802.00
1983-84 . .	28840.9	Varies between Rs. 801.49 to Rs. 802.00
1984-85 . .	34875 5	Varies between Rs. 801.49 to Rs. 825.00

(b) Production of formulations is not monitored. To the extent that capacities are specified in an industrial licence, the details are published in he monthly bulletin of the Indian Investment Centre, copies of which are available in the Parliamentary Library.

(c) M|s. Hoechst India Ltd. marketing their Tetracycline based formulations under the brand names Hostacyline. Sales turnover of individual packs and strengths is not monitored.

(d) M|s. Haechst India Ltd. are marketing two leader packs of Tetracycline formulations, namely, Hostacycline 250 mg per capsule in a pack of 10x10 and Hostacycline 500 mg. per dragee in the pack of 25x4's besides other non leader packs. Prices of leader packs have already been indicated in reply to part (e) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 624 answered on 29th July, 1985.

(e) The process of scrutinising the details furnished by M|s. Hoechst India Ltd. is on. Recovery would be made in accordance with the due procedure of Law.

Fixation of price of Drugs

965. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed the prices of

formulations based on higher prices of Doxycycline, Gentamycin, Ethambutol, Tetracycline, Rifampicin, Pyrantel Pamoate, Caffine Anhydrous. Ibuprofen, Dextropropxyphene, Ampicillin, Amoxicilline and number of other drugs than the landed price or the market price of each drug;

(b) whether it is also a fact that formulators procured/purchased these bulk drugs at much lower prices and made huge unintended profits;

(c) what is price of each bulk drug at which the formulation price of each pack and strength was fixed along with mark up allowed in each case;

(d) what was the price at which each formulator purchased or procured each of these drugs during the last three years and what is the difference per kg. in each case; and

(e) what steps are being taken to rectify the situations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (c) Prices of formulaions referred to excepting those based on Rifampicin are based on prices of bulk drugs concerned as notified under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. Details are in the attached Statement (*See below*). The prices of Rifampicin formulations are based on the landed cost of imports of Rifampicin. Markup has been allowed on the ex-factory cost of the formulations in accordance with the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(b) The price fixed by the Government for the bulk drugs under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 are the *maximum sale prices and the possi*bility of some formulators obtaining the bulk drugs at prices not exceeding the notified prices cannot be ruled out.

(d) and (e) Some instances of formulators procuring bulk drugs at prices lower than the prices allowed in the formulation have come to the notice of the Government. A large number of notices have been issued to recover the difference in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 and action is already on to recover the amount in accordance with the due procedure of law.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drugs	Price fixed under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. (Rs./Kg.)
1.	Doxycycline	5456·00
2.	Gentamycin	23·50 (Rs./gram)
3.	Ethambutol Hcl.	681·00
4.	Tetracycline Hcl.	801·49
5.	Pyrantel Pamoate	1250·00
6.	Caffeine Anhydrous	241·00
7.	Ibuprofen	845·60
8.	Dextropropoxyphene Hcl./Nyclate	1853·73
9.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate	2229·00
10.	Ampicillin Anhydrous	2107·00
11.	Ampicillin Trihydrate	1677·00